

"TO THINE OWN SELF BE TRUE, AND IT MUST FOLLOW AS THE NIGHT THE DAY: THOU CANST NOT THEN BE FALSE TO ANY MAN."

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# "Star Brand" Shoes Have this Star On Every Heel

YOU'LL find this star trade-mark on the shoes of eight million people.

It guarantees honest leather in every pair. No substitutes for leather are ever used.

These shoes are made by the world's largest shoemakers. The more they make the less they cost to make. This saving goes into extra quality.

There are lots of good shoes, but—

## "Star Brand" Shoes Are Better

Get the shoes that wear. Come to us for the Genuine "Star Brand" Shoes, with this star on the heel.

Made in all styles, grades, and sizes—both dress and work shoes—for men, women, and children.

Don't just go into any store and ask for them, but come to us.

C. W. & J. E. BAUKNIGHT,

WALHALLA, S. C.

"IT PAYS TO BUY FOR CASH."



## THIS FIVE-DOLLAR GOLD PIECE

has cost the owner a good deal of money. A man came in our Bank a few weeks ago looking for a five-dollar gold piece he has had for thirty years. We happened to have it. If he had placed this five dollars on 6 per cent certificates thirty years ago he would have had \$24.56 to-day instead of five dollars.

How much is your gold costing you to keep? Buy one of our time certificates. Drop in and we will explain them to you.

Westminster Bank,  
WESTMINSTER, S. C.

### GRAND JURY'S PRESENTMENT.

Several Recommendations of Importance—Favors Permanent Bridges.

State of South Carolina,  
County of Oconee,  
(In Court of Sessions—July, 1915.)  
To His Honor Thomas S. Sease,  
Presiding Judge:

We, the grand jury of Oconee county, beg leave to make the following presentment to your Honor:

1. We have carefully considered all bills of indictment that have been handed to us by the Solicitor at this term of Court.

Several complaints of different character have been called to our attention by various persons, which have received our careful attention, and those that have not already been acted upon will be in the near future.

2. We wish to make the following recommendations:

1. That the county jail be equipped and supplied with electric lights, and that the construction of same should be had by letting it out by contract to the lowest responsible bidder.

2. That our Representatives in the General Assembly from this county do all in their power to obtain a compulsory education law which will apply to the entire county and be strictly enforceable; and, also, that they secure the passage of a drainage law for the county.

3. That Supervisor and Commissioners, if possible, put fences on the dangerous sides of the road on Stumphouse Mountain so as to protect passers-by from the danger of getting thrown down the mountain by accidents; and, also, that they secure the construction of permanent bridges, as near as possible with the available funds, where those bridges have been washed away by the recent high waters; that the old soldiers who are now getting aid from the county be paid their one dollar per month by checks instead of giving them the pay certificates as they now receive; that the Court House janitor be paid \$200 per year, and that he be paid the additional amount at this rate from now on, out of any funds that can be available, such as the contingent fund.

4. That the steward of the poor farm keep a record on the "ledger book," which has already been purchased, and that said record book show all that is purchased, sold and delivered by and for the poor farm.

5. We wish to call to the attention of the public at large that the law be complied with which provides that all wire fences within 50 feet of a highway be equipped with a plank or pole on top, or if that is not done, then the fence be removed more than 50 feet from such highway, or else such offending party be punished according to the penalty of the law.

6. We have, by a special committee and an expert accountant, examined all the offices of the county, except the office of Superintendent of Education, and find them all well and regularly kept. The reason the office of the Superintendent of Education has not been completely examined is because he has not yet had the time allowed him by law for completing his books, which said examination will be made a little later.

We have, therefore, completed all the work that is before us at this time, and ask to be excused from further attendance upon the Court.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. Busch,  
Foreman of Grand Jury,  
July 7, 1915.

### The Court of Sessions

closed Wednesday evening of last week with the completion of the case of the State vs. Allen Green, colored, charged with assault with intent to rape. The verdict of the jury was, "Guilty, with recommendation to the mercy of the Court." Judge Sease sentenced the prisoner to serve on the public works of Oconee county, at hard labor, for a period of 13 years, or a like term in the State penitentiary. Green was taken to the chain gang Wednesday evening immediately after the closing of Court.

Roy Owens, for whom a bench warrant was issued early last week, was brought back to Walhalla from White county, Georgia, Thursday evening. He is now in the county jail awaiting the fixing of bail for his appearance at the next term of Court. Owens is charged with attempted assault with criminal intent. The case has been continued until the next session of criminal court.

The Common Pleas Branch was opened with the closing of General Sessions, but Judge Sease left immediately for the lower part of the State owing to the illness of a near relative. The Common Pleas actively began business yesterday (Tuesday) morning, taking up the case of Brown vs. Rankin, this being an action for the recovery of certain mules purchased by the defendant Rankin over which the plaintiff held a mortgage. This is the second trial of the case in Common Pleas Court, the first trial resulting in a verdict for the defendant Rankin. A new trial was secured through appeal to the Supreme Court.

Two other cases have been disposed of, but were not given to a jury for consideration.

The case of Thos. M. Camp vs.

### BOLD SCHEME TO GET MONEY.

Man in Dallas Texas Posing as Rev. M. O. Alexander.

(Anderson Mail, 9th.)

Some one is posing in Dallas, Texas, as Rev. Milton O. Alexander, formerly of Anderson, but now a chaplain in the United States navy, and who is stationed at the Norfolk navy yard.

About 10 o'clock last night Ben Alexander received a long distance telephone message from Dallas. The service was not the best and it was necessary for the telephone operators to transmit the message. The operators stated that M. O. Alexander, in Dallas, wanted Ben Alexander to send him \$35 by wire immediately; that he (M. O. Alexander) had lost his purse while en route to Dallas and that he needed the money immediately. The telephone operator at Dallas stated that M. O. Alexander wanted the telephone charges—\$5.70—collected on this end of the line. Ben Alexander agreed to pay the tolls, and had planned to forward the money as requested this morning as soon as the telegraph company's office was opened.

But instead of sending the money, Mr. Alexander decided that he would make some inquiries. He knew that his brother, Milton, was scheduled to leave Wilmington, N. C., two weeks ago, to take up his assignment in the navy as chaplain at Norfolk. So Mr. Alexander forwarded a telegram to the Navy Department at Washington asking for Milton's address. The department replied that Rev. Mr. Alexander was at the Norfolk navy yard, ready to embark. Mr. Alexander then addressed a telegram to Milton Alexander in Norfolk, and in a few minutes he received a reply from Milton stating that he was in Norfolk ready to embark.

In the meantime this morning Walter Dobbins, Mr. Alexander's brother-in-law, received a telephone message from Dallas stating that he (M. O. Alexander) had called on his brother, Ben in Anderson for money, but that he hadn't received it up to that time, and asked Mr. Dobbins to send it immediately. Like in the first message the telephone operators had to transmit the message. Mr. Dobbins was requested to send \$25, but he knew of the request made on Ben Alexander for \$35, so he came up town this morning and sent him the \$35 by telegram.

After Mr. Dobbins had telegraphed the \$35 he met Ben Alexander. Mr. Alexander had received the telegrams from the Navy Department and from Milton Alexander at Norfolk.

Mr. Dobbins then got Manager T. E. Howard to telegraph the Dallas office to hold up payment of the \$35. He then reported the matter to Mayor Godfrey, who telegraphed the chief of police at Dallas, informing him that some one is posing in Dallas as Rev. Milton O. Alexander, and asked him to detail some men to watch for the impostor as he called at the Western Union office for the money.

The person posing as Milton Alexander in Dallas is most assuredly an Anderson person. He knows of the relationship between Walter Dobbins and Ben Alexander, and knows that Milton Alexander had left his charge in Wilmington, en route for some port to enter the navy as chaplain.

So far Ben Alexander is out \$5.70 for telephone tolls and Mr. Dobbins is out \$35, the amount forwarded, and \$5.70 as telephone tolls.

The day before Ben Alexander received his telephone call from Dallas, the impostor had telegraphed to Jas. M. Alexander, superintendent of the Pelzer Mills, located at Pelzer, asking his brother to forward him \$25 by wire. Mr. Alexander, thinking his brother (M. O.) was in need of the money, immediately forwarded the \$25 as requested.—Ed. Courier.

Southern Railway was compromised without going again to the jury. The defendant railway agreed to pay to the plaintiff the sum of \$1,000 and settle all costs, and the case was stricken from the civil docket, marked settled. This case had run the gauntlet of the Circuit and Supreme Courts, the jury in the first trial finding for the railway, and the plaintiff appealed, the Supreme Court reversing the lower Court, thus bringing the case back for a second hearing in the civil court.

The case of Watkins vs. Watkins, an action brought to settle disputed land titles, was referred to the Master of Oconee for the taking of testimony and report on findings.

No other matters so far have been gone into.

This morning the Rankin-Brown case was postponed until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, this action being due to the fact that one of the jurymen, W. H. Lee, was summoned home on account of serious illness in his family. If he is able to return by 9 o'clock to-morrow the case will be gone into further, otherwise a mistrial will of necessity have to be ordered.

The case of Check vs. Carter, an action for damages in an automobile accident, has been taken up and is in progress as we go to press.

### CONTINUING MUENTER'S WORK.

"Pearce" Writes Letter to New Orleans Paper—Glories in Crime.

New Orleans, July 11.—A written threat to assassinate J. P. Morgan, Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, British ambassador to the United States, and to destroy by bombs British vessels clearing from American ports was received to-day by a local newspaper from a person who signed himself as "Pearce."

Pearce declared that he had come to New Orleans to complete plans for the destruction of British mule transports sailing from this port and said the steamers Howthead and Baron Napier, which cleared from here July 8, and sailed from Port Eads the following day, probably never would be heard from again. The Howthead sailed for Dublin and Belfast via Norfolk for coal, with a general merchandise cargo, while the Baron Napier had on board 267 mules for Avonmouth, Eng., direct. Neither vessel carried passengers, it is said, but the Baron Napier has aboard a large number of muleteers, many of whom are residents of New Orleans.

Local government officials, on being notified of Pearce's threats, immediately attempted to get in touch with the Baron Napier by wireless and notified Washington authorities. The vessel had not been heard from at a late hour to-night. The Howthead is not equipped for radio communication. Both vessels should now be somewhere off the Florida or Georgia coast, the Howthead near the coast and the Baron Napier well out to sea on her way toward British waters.

Hans Halle, mentioned by Pearce in his letter, who was arrested here last December having in his possession at the time a bomb containing 40 pounds of dynamite, which the police say he confessed he had prepared with the intention of blowing up a French line vessel, bound from New York to France, was arrested late to-night and will be held until the Howthead and the Baron Napier have been heard from, police officials said. Halle recently was acquitted in Federal court here on a charge of having conspired to ship explosives on an interstate carrier without properly marking the package containing the shipment.

### Worked With Holt.

Frank Holt, who several days ago shot and wounded Mr. Morgan, and who later killed himself, had been working with Pearce in an effort to prevent the United States from taking any part in the European conflict ever since the war began, Pearce wrote. Muentner, the writer declared, was the person who warned passengers who had booked passage on the Lusitania not to make the voyage on the vessel. He personally called on Charles Frohman, who lost his life in the catastrophe, and endeavored to persuade him not to make the trip, Pearce said.

While in some official quarters it is believed that "Pearce" is of unsound mind, others are of the opinion that the writer probably is a person who has sympathy for the German allies and who has become obsessed with the idea of following the example of Muentner through reading Muentner's published letters and statements.

Pearce's letter, which was dated New Orleans, July 10, and which was typewritten, follows in part:

"Holt's my partner, and I glory in the thought of his comradeship. We worked together ever since this cursed war began. Holt is gone, but I am still here, and I am going to carry on the work with redoubled fury."

"The statement that Holt intended to wreck libraries and other such public buildings is a lie. The Capitol is the only building that we planned to wreck, and we partly succeeded in our plan. But what we did plan, and what I am going to carry out, is the just idea, to stop this country from contributing to the damnable, hellish, barbaric slaughter across the ocean. British mule ships are daily leaving New Orleans laden with live stock for the enemies of Germany, just as ships laden with guns and ammunition to slaughter Germans are almost daily leaving New York. Therefore this city furnishes a promising field for the work that lies before me. I may succeed in blowing up but one British ship leaving this port—I may succeed in destroying ten—but I am going to carry out this work, and whatever I achieve will be satisfactory to me. And then I will be ready for Morgan. And after I get through with Morgan, I will be ready to share my pal's fate. I consider it a glorious fate."

"And Sir Cecil Spring-Rice. Do you want to know who Muentner was after when he went to Glen Cove? Morgan? Partly. The real reason for going to Glen Cove was Sir Cecil Spring-Rice. We have trailed Spring-Rice for weeks, and we are going to get him."

"This country considers Muentner a barbarian—a crank. I knew him in Germany. I knew him in America. He destroyed property and took lives when I knew that good would follow, never otherwise. He taught me his principles, his ideals, and as I said before, I glory in his leadership of the past. He stood ready to risk his

### INNOCENT OF CHARGE MADE.

William Morton Returns Home After Trip to Alabama to Face Charge.

Will Morton, of Rural Route No. 2, of Seneca, has returned to Oconee after an absence of some weeks. Mr. Morton was arrested by Sheriff John W. Davis on a warrant sworn out in Alabama (Blount county), charging Morton with the murder of Cullen Campbell. Mr. Morton willingly returned to Alabama without the formality of requisition papers, giving the Alabama authorities ample opportunity to make all necessary investigations, after the conclusion of which he was released from custody and allowed to return to his home. In returning Mr. Morton brings with him the following from the trial judge who would have heard the case had there been found any ground for the holding of a trial:

"Oneonta, Blount County, Ala., July 9, 1915.—Mr. Will Morton, City.—Dear Sir: Since you must return to South Carolina, I deem it but justice to you that I state, over my own signature, that I, as the trial judge in the case of the State against you, in which said case you were charged with the murder of Cullen Campbell, made a thorough investigation of said charge in open court, and I have found that you had absolutely no connection with or knowledge of the death of Campbell until it was telegraphed to you from Blount Springs to Jasper by friends of the deceased."

"I make this statement in your behalf because I have learned during my long experience in public life that simply to charge a man with crime is to convict him in the public mind entirely too often, and I am convinced beyond all question that you had no connection whatever with the killing of Cullen Campbell."

"You go back to your home in old South Carolina with the best of wishes from your friends here."

"Respectfully,"

(Seal.) "John F. Kelton,"

"Judge of the County Court."

### Important Meeting at Conocross.

Friday, July 23d, has been set apart by the Baptist Ministers' Conference of the Beavertown Association as a day of prayer for God's blessings upon the many protracted meetings that are to be held within the next few weeks in our midst.

We cordially invite all ministers and laymen of the Beavertown Association to come to this meeting at Conocross, and urge those who cannot attend to remember us and the purpose of our meeting in prayer.

Let each church be represented by some earnest Christian man or woman.

L. D. Mitchell, Sec.

### Advertised Mail.

The following is a list of letters remaining uncalled for in the Walhalla post office for the week ending July 13, 1915:

Mrs. Annie Williams; Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Higgins.

When calling for the above please say they are advertised.

N. Fant, P. M.

own life to save other lives that he considered worthy. Why, at the time the Lusitania sailed on her fateful voyage, do you know who it was that warned Vanderbilt and the rest not to sail on her? It was Erich Muentner. He knew what was going to befall this British liner. He not only sent messages to a large number of people that he knew were going to sail on the ship, but he personally appealed to Charles Frohman not to make the voyage.

### Appeal to Americans.

"Just as Muentner appealed to Frohman, Vanderbilt and the others not to sail on the Lusitania, so I now appeal to worthy Americans in this country not to sail on the British mule ships leaving this port. If my warning goes unheeded the Americans that sail on the British-owned ships must expect the fate that befell Vanderbilt and the rest. Remember, I am Muentner's pupil and very, very seldom has Muentner failed. Muentner's methods are my methods. I have his determination and his dynamite behind me. And I am going to carry out his plans. I am working with enough explosives to wreck this whole town. And besides this, I have a program to follow: British ships, Morgan, Sir Cecil Spring-Rice and then oblivion. Halle failed completely, Muentner succeeded partly, I am going to succeed completely. I am but one among millions, but I have Muentner's backing, and I have dynamite."

"If there be any one among the readers of this that doubts these words, let him wait and watch; the early part of next week will witness the completion of Muentner's plans—that is for the beginning of the completion. If you will look up the records you will discover the names of two of his majesty's ships that have just left port—perhaps never to return. One of them is called Howthead, the other Baron. Have you relatives on either of these ships? If you have I feel sorry for you if you are an American. I congratulate myself. Watch the career of some of these mule ships."

(Signed): "Pearce."

Red Hill Graded School, will open next Monday morning, July 19th, with Miss Kate Harrison as principal and Miss Beulah Holland assistant. All parents and pupils are urgently requested to be present.

T. B. Eads,  
J. W. Cox,  
M. G. Holland, Trustees.

Oconee Creek School will open next Monday morning, July 19th, with Miss Elizabeth Stribling, principal, and Miss Janie Har-

rierson, assistant. Both are from Walhalla. Let every pupil in the district be present on opening day, at 9 o'clock.

J. L. Hall,  
W. M. Murphree,  
J. H. Hunnicutt.

### Double Springs School

will open next Monday morning, July 19th, at 9 o'clock. All pupils are requested to be present on the opening day. Parents are asked to be present. C. W. Merritt will be in charge.